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fortification encircling a fort, castle, or town. 2. The structures or area protected by an encircling fortification.

**encephal-** *pref. var. of ENCEPHALO-*

**encephala** (en-sēf'ə-lā) *n. pl. of ENCEPHALON*

**encephalic** (en-sēf'ə-līk) *adj.* 1. Of or relating to the brain. 2. Situated inside the cranial cavity.

**encephalitis** (en-sēf'ə-lītis) *n.* Brain inflammation. —**encephalitic** (lī-tīk) *adj.*

**encephalitis lethargica** (lō-thā'rjī-kā) *n.* [NLat, lethargic encephalitis.] A viral epidemic encephalitis often associated with influenza and characterized by apathy, double vision, and extreme muscular weakness.

**encephalo- or encephal-** *pref.* [NLat < Gk. (muelos) enkephalos, (marrow) in the head: en-, in- + kephalē, head.] Brain <encephalitis> <encephalogram>

**encephalogram** (en-sēf'ə-lō-grām) *n.* 1. An x-ray picture of the brain taken by cephalography. 2. An electroencephalogram.

**encephalography** (en-sēf'ə-lō-grā-fē) *n. pl. -phies.* Roentgenography of the brain. —**encephalograph** (lō-grāf) *n.* —**encephalographic** *adj.* —**encephalographically** *adv.*

**encephaloma** (en-sēf'ə-lō-mā) *n. pl. -mas or -mata (-mā-tā).* A brain tumor.

**encephalomyelitis** (en-sēf'ə-lō-mī'ālītis) *n.* A viral disease causing inflammation of the brain and spinal cord.

**encephalon** (en-sēf'ə-lōn) *n. pl. -la (-lā)* [NLat < Gk. enkephalon, neuter of enkephalos, in the head: see ENCEPHALO-] The brain of a vertebrate. —**encephalous** *adj.*

**encephalopathy** (en-sēf'ə-lō-p'ā-thē) *n. pl. -thies.* A disease of the brain. —**encephalopathic** (lō-pāth'ik) *adj.*

**enchain** (en-chān) *vt. -chained, -chaining, -chains.* [ME enchainen < OFr. enchaîner < en-, in- + Lat. in- + chaine, chain < Lat. catena.] To fetter or confine with or as if with chains. —**enchained** *adj.*

**enchante** (en-chānt) *vt. -chanted, -chanting, -chants.* [ME enchanter < OFr. enchanter < Lat. incantare: in- against- + cantare, to sing.] 1. To cast a spell over; bewitch. 2. To charm and delight completely. —**enchanted** *adj.*

**enchanter** (en-chān'tər) *n.* 1. One that enchants. 2. a. A sorcerer. b. A magician.

**enchanting** (en-chān'ting) *adj.* Capable of enchanting; charming. —**enchantingly** *adv.*

**enchanteress** (en-chān'trīs) *n.* 1. a. A woman who practices magic. b. A sorceress. 2. A fascinating woman.

**enchase** (en-chās) *vt. -chased, -chasing, -chases.* [ME, to engrave < OFr. enchasser, to set gems: en-, in- + Lat. in- + chasie, case < Lat. capsā, box.] 1. To set (e.g., a gem). 2. To set with or as if with gems. 3. To adorn or decorate by inlaying or engraving.

**enchilada** (en-chō-lā-dā) *n.* [Mex. Sp. en-, in- + Lat. in- + chile, chili pepper < Nahuatl chilli.] A tortilla rolled and stuffed with a mixture of meat or cheese and served with a sauce spiced with chili.

**enchiridion** (en-chī-rī-dē-on) *n. pl. -tions or -ia (-ē-ā)* [Gk. encheiridion: en-, in + cheir, hand + -idion, dim. suffix.] A handbook or manual.

**enchyma** *suff.* [ < PARENCHYMA.] Cellular tissue <chlorenchyma>

**enclina** (en-sē-nā) *n.* [Sp., holm oak < LLat. ilicina < Lat. ilex.] An evergreen oak, *Quercus agrifolia* of southwestern North America, grown as a shade tree.

**encipher** (en-sī-fər) *vt. -phered, -phering, -phers.* ENCODE. 1. —**encipherer** *n.* —**encipherment** *n.*

**encircle** (en-sūr'kəl) *vt. -cled, -cling, -cles.* 1. To form a circle around; surround. 2. To move or go around completely; make a circuit of. —**encirclement** *n.*

**enclasp** (en-kłāsp) *vt. -clasped, -clasping, -clasps.* To embrace closely.

**enclave** (en-kłāv, ōn') *n.* [Fr. < OFr. enclaver, to enclose < VLat. \*inclavare: Lat. in-, in- + Lat. clavis, key.] 1. A country or part of a country within the boundaries of another country. 2. A minority group preserving its own distinct culture while living within a larger group < Chinese enclaves in California cities >

**enclitic** (en-kłīt'ik) *n.* [LLat. encliticus, being an enclitic < Gk. enklitikos < enklein, to lean on: en-, in- + klinein, to lean.] A word or particle that has no independent accent and forms an accentual and sometimes also grammatical unit with the preceding word, e.g., in "Give 'em the business," the particle "em" is an enclitic.

**enclose** (en-kłōz) *vt. -closed, -closing, -closes.* [ME enclosen < OFr. enclos, p. part. of enclore < Lat. includere, to include: in-, in- + claudere, to close.] 1. To surround on all sides. 2. a. To place inside a container. b. To insert in the same envelope or package. 3. To place an enclosure around so as to prevent common use.

**enclosure** (en-kłō-zhər) *n.* 1. The act of enclosing or state of being enclosed. 2. Something enclosed. 3. Something that encloses.

**encode** (en-kōd) *vt. -coded, -coding, -codes.* 1. To put (a message) into code. 2. Computer Sci. To convert (a character) into an equivalent combination of bits. —**encoder** *n.*

**encomiast** (en-kō-mē-ās't) *n.* [Gk. enkomiaistēs < enkomiaizein, to praise < enkomion, encomium.] One who delivers or writes

an encomium: EULOGIST. —**encomiastic** (en-kō-mē-āst'ik) *adj.*

**encomium** (en-kō-mē-əm) *n. pl. -miums or -mia (-mē-ā)* [Lat. encomium < Gk. enkomion (epos), (speech) praising a victor]

1. Warm praise. 2. A formal expression of praise: TRIBUTE.

**encompass** (en-kūm'pəs) *vt. -passed, -passing, -passes.* 1. To form a circle about; surround. 2. To envelop; enclose. 3. To have as an integral part; include. 4. To achieve; accomplish.

**encompassment** *n.*

**encore** (en-kōr', kōr') *n.* [Fr., again.] 1. An audience's demand for an additional performance. 2. An additional performance in response to audience demand. —**vt. -cored, -coring, -cores. To demand an encore of. —**interj.** —Used to demand an additional performance.**

**encounter** (en-koun'tər) *n.* [ME encountre < OFr. < encounter, to meet < LLat. incontrare: Lat. in-, in- + Lat. contra, against.] 1. An unexpected or unplanned meeting. 2. A usu. brief meeting. 3. A hostile confrontation. b. An often violent meeting: CLASH.

—**vt. -tered, -tering, -ters. 1. To meet or come upon (someone or something), esp. unexpectedly. 2. To confront in a hostile situation. 3. To be faced with <encounter strong enemy forces>.**

**encounter group** *n.* A usu. unstructured therapy group in which individuals try to increase their sensitivity and responsiveness, reveal their feelings, and relate to others openly and intimately, as by touching or speaking freely.

**encourage** (en-kūr'j, kūr') *vt. -aged, -aging, -ages.* [ME encouragen < OFr. encourager: en- (causative) < Lat. in-, in- + Lat. cor, heart.] 1. To inspire with hope, courage, or confidence: HEARTEN. 2. To give support to: FOSTER. 3. To stimulate.

—**encouragement** (mōnt) *n.* —**encourager** *n.*

\* **syns:** ENCOURAGE, CHEER (up), HEARTEN, NERVE, PERK (up), core meaning: to impart strength and confidence to <were encouraged by the doctors' findings> **ant:** discourage

**encouraging** (en-kūr'-jīng, kūr'-) *adj.* Imparting hope or courage. —**encouragingly** *adv.*

**encroach** (en-kročh) *vi. -croached, -croaching, -crauchs.* [ME encrochen, to seize illegally < OFr. encrochier, to seize: en-, in- + Lat. in- + croc, hook, of Scand. orig.] 1. To intrude gradually on the rights or possessions of another <road construction encroaching on the city park>. 2. To advance beyond proper or prescribed limits.

—**encroacher** *n.* —**encroachment** *n.*

**encrust** (en-kkrst) *vt. -crusted, -crusting, -crusts.* [Prob. Fr. incruster < Lat. incrustare: in- upon + crusta, crust.] To cover or surmount with or as if with a crust <a coffee cake encrusted with icing>.

—**encrustation** *n.*

**encrypt** (en-kript) *vt. -rypted, -encrypting, -crypts.* 1. ENCODE. 1. 2. Computer Sci. To scramble (access codes) in order to prevent illicit entry into a system.

**encryption** (en-krip'shən) *n.* Computer Sci. A process for scrambling access codes to prevent illicit entry into a system.

**encumber** (en-kūm'bər) *vt. -bered, -bering, -bers.* [ME encumbren < OFr. encumbier, to block up: en-, in- + Lat. in- + combre, hindrance.] 1. To weigh down unduly. 2. To impede or hinder the action or performance of. 3. To burden, as with legal claims.

**encumbrance** (en-kūm'brāns) *n.* 1. One that encumbers. 2. LAW. A lien or claim on property.

**encumbrancer** (en-kūm'brāns-ər) *n.* LAW. One holding an encumbrance.

**ency** *suff.* [Lat. entia. —see ENCE.] ENCE.

**encyclical** (en-sīk'lī-kəl) *adj.* [LLat. encyclicus, circular < Gk. enkuklios: en-, in + kuklios, circle.] Intended for general circulation. —*n.* Rom. Cath. Ch. A papal letter addressed to bishops or the hierarchy of a specific country.

**encyclopedic or encyclopaedic** (en-sīk'lō-pē-dīk) *adj.* [Med. Lat. encyclopaedia, general education course < Gk. enkuklopaideia < enkuklios paideia, general education.] A comprehensive reference work having articles on a broad range of subjects or on numerous aspects of a given field, usu. arranged alphabetically.

**encyclopedic or encyclopaedic** (en-sīk'lō-pē-dīk) *adj.* 1. Of, relating to, or typical of an encyclopedia. 2. Embracing many subjects: COMPREHENSIVE <encyclopedic learning>.

—**encyclopedically** *adv.*

**encyclopedia or encyclopaedia** (en-sīk'lō-pē-dī-ā) *n.* Encyclopedia knowledge: ERUDITION.

**encyclopedist or encyclopaedist** (en-sīk'lō-pē-dīst) *n.* A writer for or compiler of an encyclopedia.

**encyst** (en-sīst) *v. -cysted, -cysting, -cysts.* —**vt.** To enclose in or as if in a cyst. —**vi.** To form or become enclosed in a cyst.

—**encystment**, **encystation** *n.*

**end** (end) *n.* [ME ende < OE.] 1. Either extremity of an object having length. 2. The outside or extreme edge: BOUNDARY. 3. The point at which an act, event, or phenomenon ceases or is completed.

ā pat ā pay ā care ā father ē pet ē be hw which  
ī die īr pier ō pot ō toe ō paw, for ōi noise

**conclusion** <the end of the campaign> 6. An end of one's patience > 7. A goal to be attained 9. a. A share of a responsibility > b. A particular area of responsibility > 10. The outermost position at the line of play by such a player. —**v. ended** <ended to an end: FINISH. 2. To form a conclusion> —**vi.** 1. To come to an end. 2. To destroy. —**ends meet.** To live within one's means <no end of odd jobs> **syns:** END, CLOSE, COMPLETE, CONCLUDE **ant:** v. core meaning: to bring to an end <ended the letter with thanks> <ant: begin, start

**end-** *pref. var. of ENDO-*

**endamoeba or endameba** (en-dā-mō-bā or en-dā-mē-bā) *n.* AMOEB.

**endanger** (en-dān-jər) *vt. -gered, -dangers or harm: IMPERIL. —en-dan-ge*

**endangered** *adj.* Threatened with harm

**endarterectomy** (en-dār-tō-rēk'tō-mī) *n.* A surgical procedure to remove the inner lining of an artery clogged with plaque

**endarteritis** (en-dār-tō-rītis) *n.* [ <en-dār-artery + -itis.] Inflammation of the inner lining of an artery

**endbrain** (en-d'brān') *n.* The telencephalon

**endeavor** (en-dē-vər) *n.* The telencephalon

**endeavor** (en-dē-vər) *n.* The telencephalon

**endeavor** (en-dē-vər) *n.* The telencephalon

cropping, -crops. To crop.

ed, -crowding, -crowd.

ped, -oping, -ops. 1. To

graphic plate or film) to

development.

ie (-dün'), -doing, -does.

ss: take to extremes. 2. To

cook too long. —vi. To

n. The state of a hetero-

ed or better adapted than

nant adj.

dose, esp. of a narcotic.

does. To take or admin-

The act of overdriving.

1. 2. also overdrained

d fuel in a furnace. b.

own downward. c. The

in account that has been

dress-ing, -dresses.

sirable. —n. A skirted

ing.

chanism of an automom-

ured to maintain drive

be ratio of drive shaft to

lröv'), -driven (-drivn')

too long or too hard?

b-bing, -dubs. To blend

d sound to produce a

ng unpaid after becoming

ting, -ests. To eat

-sized, -sizing, -sires.

vi. To employ too much

t -mat-ed, -mat-ing.

if the amount or degree

te (-mit) n. —over-

-ert-ing, -erts. To

n.

l -pos-ing, -pos-es.

ie (a photograph) to

verexposure

ded, -tending, -tends.

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fatigue often to

ing, -fish-es.

the ecological balance

ring, -flows.

s. 2. To be filled

to have an overabund-

a sympathy

To spread of power

i. —n. (ô'var-lô') adj.

over: EXCESS <find

s> 3. An outlet

outer garment

it of glaze on ceramic

zed, -glazing, -glazes.

izing, -grazes.

grew. (ô'vô') vt.

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**overhand** (ô'var-hând') also **overhand-ed** (ô'var-hân'did')

adj. 1. Thrown, struck, or performed with the hand above the level

of the shoulder <an overhand pitch> 2. Sewn with stitches drawing

two edges together, with each stitch passing over the seam formed by

the edges. —adv. In an overhand way. —n. 1. An overhand throw,

stroke, or delivery. 2. An overhand stitch or seam. —vt. -hand-ed,

-handing, -hands. To sew with an overhand seam or stitches.

**overhand knot** n. A simple knot formed by making a loop in a

piece of cord and passing the end through it.

**overhang** (ô'var-hâng') v. -hung (-hûng'), -hanging, -hangs.

—vt. 1. To project or extend beyond. 2. To menace or threaten: loom

over. 3. To decorate with hangings. —vi. To hang or project over

something. —n. (ô'var-hâng'). 1. A projecting part, as of a building or

rock formation. 2. Extent of projection <an overhang of ten

inches> 3. The part of a ship's bow or stern that projects over the

waterline.

**overhaul** (ô'var-hôl', ô'var-hôl') vt. -hauled, -hauling, -hauls.

1. a. To examine thoroughly for needed repairs. b. To dismantle in

order to make repairs. c. Naut. To slacken (a line) or to release and

separate the blocks of (a tackle). 2. To make all needed repairs on:

service. 3. To catch up with: OVERTAKE. —n. (ô'var-hôl'). 1. An act

of overhauling. 2. A repair job.

**overhead** (ô'var-héd') adj. 1. Located above the level of the head

<an overhead fan> 2. Of or relating to overhead expenses. —n.

(ô'var-héd'). 1. The regular operating expenses of a business, includ-

ing the costs of rent, utilities, upkeep, and taxes, and excluding labor

and materials. 2. The ceiling of a ship's cabin. 3. Something, such as

light fixture, that is located above head level. —adv. (ô'var-héd').

Over or above the level of the head <branches hanging overhead>

**overhear** (ô'var-hîr') vt. -heard (-hûrd'), -hearing, -hears. To

hear (something spoken or someone speaking) without the speaker's

knowledge or intention. —o'verhear'er n.

**overheat** (ô'var-hêr') v. -heated, -heating, -heats. —vt. 1. To

heat too hot. 2. To cause to become excited or overwrought <over-

heated by a family quarrel> 3. To overstimulate (e.g., the economy).

—vi. To become overheated.

**overindulge** (ô'var-in-dûlj') v. -duged, -duging, -dug-es.

—vt. To indulge excessively. —vi. To indulge in something to excess.

—o'verin-dul-gence n. —o'verin-dul-gent adj. —o'verin-dul-

gently adv.

**overjoyed** (ô'var-joïd') adj. Filled with joy: ELATED.

**overkill** (ô'var-kîl') n. 1. Nuclear destructive capacity beyond

what is needed to destroy a target. 2. Excessive killing. 3. An action,

response, or amount in excess of what is called for <judicial overkill

in sentencing minors> —vt. (ô'var-kîl') -killed, -killing, -kills.

To destroy (an enemy target) with greater nuclear force than is

needed.

**overladen** (ô'var-lâd'n') adj. Overloaded: overburdened.

**overland** (ô'var-lând', -lând') adj. Passing over or by way of land

<an overland supply route> —adv. By way of land.

**overlap** (ô'var-lâp') v. -lapped, -lapping, -laps. —vt. 1. To lie

over and cover part of. 2. To have an area or range in

common with: coincide partly with. —vi. 1. To lie over and partly

over something. 2. To coincide partly <Their territories overlap>

—n. (ô'var-lâp'). 1. A part that overlaps or is overlapped. 2. An in-

dication of overlapping.

**overlay** (ô'var-lâ') vt. -laid, -laying, -lays. 1. To lay or spread

over or on. 2. a. To cover the surface of with a decorative layer or

design <overlay silver with gold> b. To embellish superficially <a

simple tune overlaid with ornate harmonies> 3. To put an overlay

upon in printing. —n. (ô'var-lâ'). Something laid over or covering

something else, as: a. A layer of decoration, as veneer or gold leaf,

applied to a surface. b. A sheet of paper used on a press tympan to

equalize the pressure that produces light and dark tones. c. A trans-

parent sheet containing graphic matter, as labels or colored areas, placed

over illustrative matter to be incorporated into it.

**overleap** (ô'var-lêp') vt. -leaped or -leapt (-lêpt'), -leaping.

1. To leap over or across. 2. OVERTAKE 3.

**overlearn** (ô'var-lûrn') vt. -learned or -learnt (-lûrn'), -learn-

-ing, -learns. To continue studying or working at (e.g., a skill) after

becoming proficient.

**overlie** (ô'var-lî') vt. -lay (-lâ'), -lain (-lân'), -laying, -lies. 1. To

lie or rest upon. 2. To kill by lying upon. —Used esp. of animals.

**overload** (ô'var-lôd') vt. -loaded, -loading, -loads. To load too

heavily. —n. (ô'var-lôd'). An excessive load.

**overlong** (ô'var-lông', -lông') adj. Being or lasting too long <an

overlong performance> —adv. For too long.

**overlook** (ô'var-lûk') vt. -looked, -looking, -looks. 1. To look

down from a higher position. 2. To be located or rise above, esp.

as in afford a view over <windows overlooking the river> 3. To

fail to notice or consider: MISS. 4. To ignore deliberately or indol-

ently: DISREGARD. 5. To look over: EXAMINE. 6. To watch over:

OVERSEE. 7. To cast a spell over with an evil eye. —n. (ô'var-lûk').

1. An elevated place affording an extensive view. 2. An act of over-

looking something.

**overlord** (ô'var-lôrd') n. 1. A lord having power or authority over

other lords. 2. One who is in a position of domination or supremacy

over others. —o'verlord'ship n.

**overly** (ô'var-lî') adv. To an excessive degree.

**overman** n. 1. (ô'var-mân, -mân'). A person having authority

over others, esp. a foreman or overseer. 2. (ô'var-mân'). SUPERMAN 2.

—vt. (ô'var-mân'). -manned, -manning, -mans. To provide (e.g.,

a ship) with more personnel than necessary.

**overmaster** (ô'var-mâs'tar) vt. -tered, -tering, -ters. To over-

come: overpower.

**overmatch** (ô'var-mâch') vt. -matched, -matching, -match-

-es. 1. To be more than the match of: OUTSTRIP. 2. To match or pair

with a superior opponent. —n. (ô'var-mâch'). A contest in which one

opponent is distinctly superior.

**overmuch** (ô'var-mûch') adj. Too much: EXCESSIVE. —adv. In

excess. —n. (ô'var-mûch', ô'var-mûch'). An excessive amount.

**overnight** (ô'var-nîr') adj. 1. Lasting for, extending over, or re-

maining during a night <an overnight guest> 2. For use over a

single night or for a short journey <overnight provisions> 3. Imme-

diately sudden <an overnight success> —adv. (ô'var-nîr'). 1. During

or lasting the night. 2. On the preceding night or evening. 3. In or as

if in a single night: SUDDENLY <The city grew overnight>.

**overnight bag** n. A small bag or suitcase for carrying items

needed on a short journey.

**overnutrition** (ô'var-nû-trîsh'ôn, -nyû-) n. Excessive con-

sumption of food or nutrition.

**overoptimistic** (ô'var-ôp'tî-mis'tik) adj. Excessively optimis-

tic. —o'verop'tî-mis'm n. —o'verop'tî-mis'ti-cal-ly adv.

**overpass** (ô'var-pâs') n. A passage, as an elevated roadway, or

bridge that crosses above another thoroughfare. —vt. (ô'var-pâs',

-pâs'). -passed or -past, -passing, -passes. 1. To pass over or

across: TRAVERSE. 2. To go beyond: SURPASS. 3. To disregard.

**overpay** (ô'var-pâ') v. -paid (-pâd'), -paying, -pays. —vt. 1. To

pay (someone) too much. 2. To pay an amount in excess of (a sum

due). —vi. To pay too much. —o'verpay'ment n.

**overpersuade** (ô'var-pôr-swâd') vt. -suaded, -suading, -suades.

To persuade (someone) to act contrary to inclination. —o'

verpersuasion n.

**overplay** (ô'var-plâ') vt. -played, -playing, -plays. 1. To play (a

dramatic role) in an exaggerated manner: OVERACT. 2. To overesti-

mate the strength of (one's holdings or position) and thus contribute

to one's own defeat <overplay one's hand> 3. To hit (a golf ball)

beyond the green.

**overplus** (ô'var-plûs') n. An excessive amount: SURPLUS.

**overpopulation** (ô'var-pôp'yû-lâ-shôn) n. Excessive popula-

tion of an area to the point of social detriment or environmental

deterioration. —o'verpop'u-lat-ed (-lâ'tid) adj.

**overpower** (ô'var-pou'ar) vt. -ered, -ering, -ers. 1. To over-

come by superior force: SUBDUCE. 2. To affect so strongly as to make

ineffective or helpless: OVERWHELM. 3. To supply with excessive

mechanical power.

**overpowering** (ô'var-pou'ar-ing) adj. So strong as to overpower

—o'verpow'er-ing-ly adv.

**overpraise** (ô'var-prâz') vt. -praised, -praising, -praises. To

praise too highly.

**overprice** (ô'var-prîs') vt. -priced, -pricing, -prices. To put

too high a price or value on.

**overprint** (ô'var-prînt') vt. -printed, -printing, -prints. To

print over something already printed, esp. to print over (a graphic

image) with another color. —n. (ô'var-prînt'). 1. A mark or impres-

sion made by overprinting. 2. a. A mark or message printed over a

postage stamp to note a special occasion or a change in use. b. A

stamp so marked.

**overprize** (ô'var-prîz') vt. -prized, -prizing, -prizes. To prize

too much.

**overproduce** (ô'var-prô-dûs', -dyûs') vt. -duced, -ducing, -duces.

To produce too much of. —o'verprô-dûc-tion (-dûk-

-shôn) n. —o'verprô-dûc-tive adj.

**overproof** (ô'var-prûf') adj. Having an alcohol content higher

than proof spirit, esp. containing more than 50% alcohol by volume.

**overprotect** (ô'var-prô-têkt') vt. -tect-ed, -tect-ing, -tects.

To protect too much. —o'verprô-têc-tive adj.

**overqualified** (ô'var-kwôl'â-fîd') adj. Having qualifications be-

yond what is necessary or desired.

**overrate** (ô'var-râc') vt. -rated, -rating, -rates. To rate too

highly.

**overreach** (ô'var-rêch') v. -reached, -reaching, -reaches.

—vt. 1. To reach or extend over or beyond. 2. To miss or lose by

attempting too much <overreaching a goal> 3. To defeat (oneself)

by doing or trying to gain too much. 4. To get the better of. —vi.

1. To reach or go too far. 2. To outwit or get the better of others.

3. To strike the hind foot against the forefoot or foreleg on the same

side of the body. —Used of a horse. —o'verreach'er n.

**overreact** (ô'var-rê-âkt') vt. -acted, -acting, -acts. To react